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Updated regulations for emergency response for solid waste take effect in June

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality regulations outlining the requirements for emergency response for permitted solid waste facilities are being updated.

The new regulations will require the facilities to submit an emergency response plan to the State Fire Marshal for review and approval before a new or renewal permit application is submitted to DEQ. DEQ expects the final regulations to be published and become effective on June 20.

As a service to the regulated community and the public, DEQ and the State Fire Marshal's Office have posted a joint guidance document which outlines the new regulations. Guidance is available at the DEQ Solid Waste Permits Web site: http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WastePermits/SolidWastePermits.aspx.

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